

AMENDMENT

Corrected Amendments to the Claims: Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims with the following listing of claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring analysts' estimates, comprising:
means for storing, in a data repository on a per analyst basis, current estimate data for a plurality of analysts, the current estimate data including at least an estimate amount and when the estimate was made;
means for analyzing the current estimate data ~~and determining to determine~~ when one or more alert conditions are satisfied; and
means for issuing, via a graphical user interface displayed on a display device, an alert when at least one of the satisfied alert conditions further satisfy at least one predetermined alert condition ~~is satisfied for at least one analyst~~ of the plurality of analysts.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein one alert condition is based on whether an analyst's estimate is older than a predetermined amount of time.
3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein one alert condition is based on whether an analyst's estimate is older than a date associated with a detected cluster of estimate revisions.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means for defining conditions that constitute a cluster of estimate revisions, detecting ~~[[a]]~~ the cluster of estimate revisions, and issuing at least one alert when an analyst's estimate is older than a date associated with ~~[[a]]~~ the detected cluster of estimate revisions.
5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the at least one predetermined alert condition is based on whether an analyst's estimate is more than a predetermined period

of time older than a date associated with ~~[[a]]~~ the detected cluster of estimate revisions.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein one alert condition is based on whether an analyst's estimate differs from a summary metric of a plurality of analysts' estimates by a predetermined value.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the summary metric comprises a measure of central tendency, the measure of central tendency comprising at least one of a mean, median, or mode.

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the summary metric comprises a conditional summary metric qualified by at least one qualifying metric.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the at least one qualifying metric comprises at least one of a predetermined time period, a particular security, or a group of securities.

10. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the predetermined value is more than "n" standard deviations away from a mean estimate, wherein "n" is an integer.

11. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the predetermined value comprises a currency unit.

12. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the predetermined value comprises a percentage.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

means for displaying ~~an~~ the at least one analyst, the at least one analyst's estimates, and simultaneously displaying an alert indicator in association with ~~an~~ the at least one analyst's

estimate that satisfies ~~at least one~~ the predetermined alert condition.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, further comprising:
means for further displaying data associated with the ~~at least one~~ predetermined alert condition.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the data associated with the ~~at least one~~ predetermined alert condition comprises an indication of the ~~at least one~~ predetermined alert condition.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the data associated with the ~~at least one~~ predetermined alert condition comprises data relating to when the ~~at least one~~ predetermined alert condition was ~~triggered~~ satisfied.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the data associated with the ~~at least one~~ predetermined alert condition comprises an indication of the ~~at least one~~ predetermined alert condition and data relating to when the ~~at least one~~ predetermined alert condition was ~~triggered~~ satisfied.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means for displaying a list of a plurality of analysts' estimates, where the list comprises a group of analysts for which there is at least one satisfied alert condition.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the group of analysts further comprises at least one of analysts associated with a particular firm, or analysts with estimates in a particular industry.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

means for displaying a list of a plurality of analysts' estimates, wherein the list ~~consists~~ comprises of analysts for which there is at least one satisfied alert condition; and

means for displaying data associated with the at least one satisfied alert condition.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling a user to view all of the satisfied alert conditions ~~alerts~~ associated with the at least one analyst.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling a user to view ~~selected alerts~~ one or more of the satisfied alert conditions associated with the at least one analyst.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling a user to view all of the satisfied alert conditions ~~alerts~~ associated with the at least one analyst for at least one selected time period.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling a user to view ~~selected alerts~~ one or more of the satisfied alert conditions associated with the at least one analyst for at least one selected time period.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling a user to define the alert conditions.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling a user to specify an action to be taken when ~~an alert condition is~~ one or more of the alert conditions are satisfied.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the action comprises ~~issuing an alert~~ transmitting a message corresponding to the issued alert to a predetermined device.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~26~~ 27, wherein the ~~action comprises issuing an alert message~~ is transmitted by at least one of ~~an e-mail message~~, phone, fax, or pager.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~an alert~~ a message is transmitted ~~sent~~ to a specified recipient when the at least one predetermined alert condition is satisfied for the at least one analyst.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the specified recipient is the at least one analyst.

31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the specified recipient is someone associated with the at least one analyst.

32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling a user to specify ~~the~~ a frequency for analyzing the current estimate data to determine ~~determining~~ when the one or more alert conditions are satisfied.

33. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling a user to specify ~~how often~~ a frequency for issuing the alert ~~system should issue user alerts that~~ the at least one predetermined alert condition has been satisfied.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the estimate amount relates to an estimate of a security's earnings ~~estimate~~ for a fiscal period.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 34, wherein the fiscal period comprises at least one of a fiscal quarter, a plurality of fiscal quarters, a fiscal year, or a plurality of fiscal years.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the current estimate data comprises a financial projection.

37. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling an analyst to change or confirm ~~an~~ the current estimate data in response to ~~an~~ the issued alert.

38. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 37, wherein an alert indicator changes when ~~an~~ the analyst has ~~taken action~~ changed or confirmed the current estimate data in response to the issued alert.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein a different visual representation of an alert indicator is provided depending on an action taken in response to the alert.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for monitoring analysts' estimates, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a data repository on a per analyst basis, current estimate data for a plurality of analysts, the current estimate data including at least an estimate amount and when the estimate was made;

analyzing the current estimate data ~~and determining~~ to determine when one or more alert conditions are satisfied; and

issuing, via a graphical user interface displayed on a display device, an alert when at least one of the satisfied alert conditions further satisfy at least one predetermined alert condition ~~is satisfied~~ for at least one analyst of the plurality of analysts.